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LEAP YEAR.

[For the Interior Journal.]

The following account of an affair in a
distant town will no doubt cause our young
gentlemen to wish they "had been there
too."

We had hoped that one of our fair escorts,
to whom we are indebted for the pleasure
of attending our first leap year party, would
favor the public with a notice of the occa-
sion, but at the eleventh hour, we are told,
no such communication had been received.
We are unwilling such an event should be
thus ignored and hence it devolves on us at
least to attempt a description of that en-
chanting evening.

Early in the week we inferred from a
certain mysterious summons of all the clan
to a rendezvous at the rooms of the charm-
ing Miss T—, that something of a pleas-
ing nature was under discussion. We were
soon made glad by the announcement, "A
Leap Year Party." But assurance was not
"dubiously sure" until dainty little rose-colored
notes, suggestive of violets and mignon-
ette were flitting about in all directions,
saying "the pleasure of escorting you to the
soiree this evening." From my heart of
hearts I sympathize with the individual
who is so unfortunate as never to have re-
ceived such an invitation. Then, think of
having her call for you at 8 P. M. and offer-
ing her arm to assist you over missing
planks and difficult places; imagine her
taking the outside of the pavement to ward
off impending danger, or making a flank
movement, lest the delicate sole of your
No. 9 boot should be molested by a little
offending mud. Think, oh, think of a bevy
of beautiful girls, swarming around and
asking for the "honor of a promenade," or
a few moments' conversation, when you are
at leisure, or while you are reclining in
the depths of a divan, or in a chair, there,
at your side, picture to yourself a "hour"
anticipating your every wish. This is hap-
piness enough; but better than all, who can
describe the delight of being escorted to the
dining-room and enthroned in a dining-
chair, while ambrosia, nectar, salads, cakes,
cardies and pickles are served by an attend-
ing divinity! Talk of envying Jupiter his
thunderbolt, or Neptune his trident, we are
content with a Hebe or a Venus. We were
sorry when the "wee sma' hours"
came to remind our fair escort of the de-
mands of the morrow. But we allowed
ourselves to be "hatted and shawled" and
consoled ourselves with the thought of a
walk home thro' the moonlight. We only
wish the privilege of leap year would con-
tinue three years out of four and if the lad-
ies are willing thus to prolong the delight-
ful period, so are we.

You poor benighted denizens of neigh-
boring country or town, who have never
known the blessings of leap year privileges,
we are sorry for you; we pity you. We can
only say,

"Veni mignette, quiesce!"
In other words, oh, unfortunate, come to
us!

Even the recollection of that evening is
so delightful we scarcely know where to
close this article. As we intimated above,
this is a duty in the execution of which we
feel some delicacy. We would like to give
some interesting details—we would like to
describe the toilets of various gentlemen,
which were pronounced superb. We could
tell, too, who carried off the honors as the
belle of the evening. (But the last our
modesty forbids.) We must be allowed to
express our appreciation of the occasion,
however, and the wish for "many happy
returns," while we assure the fair ladies
that we shall be found constantly at our of-
fice—the happy recipient of notes, bou-
quets, &c., and in fact always willing and
ready for an engagement. KAPPA TAU.

The good people of former days had a
queer idea of what constituted a sinful pos-
ture. The New Haven colony in 1639
passed a statute with the following clause:
"Whoever shall inveigle or draw the af-
fections of any maid or maid servant, ei-
ther to himself or others, without first gain-
ing the consent of her parents, shall pay to
the plantation for the first offence 40 shil-
lings; the second 24; for the third he shall
be imprisoned or corporally punished." Under
this law, at a court held in May, 1639,
Jacobus Murtine and Sarah Tuttle were
prosecuted "for setting down on a chestle
together, his arms around her waiste and
her arms upon his shoulder or about his
neck, and continued in that sinful postur-
e about half an hour, in which time he
kysed her and she kysed him, or they
kysed one another, as ye witnesses testified."

"Well, I don't mosch English sprechen,
but I try to make myself understand. I
was stand on der table by ven dot galoot
become in coud, unt mine frau she was sit
her on der stove makin' Easter colored eggs
and dot fellow he make say something
about vere I got me dot bay-window of
peer full, and I lay him out mid four sa-
sages offer der neck, unt mine frau she
grem a hot boll egg in mout out. Dot vas
all, Fustay?"—[Denver Great West.

How a Thief Was Frightened by Numerous
Medical Students.

"You never heard Forbes tell about the
sneak thief caught up here stealing an '85
man's watch, did you?" asked the man who
had addressed the Burlingtonian visitor.

"They caught him trying to hide the
watch under a 'cad.' In a minute a dozen
fellows had him disrobed, bound and
stretched out on a table. His qualities as a
subject for dissection were lingeringly dis-
cussed and the culprit was told to prepare
himself for the other world. The opportu-
nity, they said, of proving certain ques-
tions only to be solved by vivisection was
one not to be neglected. The prisoner
writhed and shrieked with horror. He
thought his last hour had come. The fel-
lows looked awfully in earnest, you know,
and he believed they actually intended to
carve him up. He swore and bellowed
and once when he touched an arm on the
table by his side he nearly went into con-
vulsions. One man suggested that the sub-
ject be kept alive as long as possible and
that to insure a successful study of the
veins, his skin should be removed from the
entire body, beginning at the feet.

"The lines of the first incisions were
marked with a pencil and the chosen op-
erators took their positions, the knives in
their hands. The rest gathered around
with interested faces. The badly frighten-
ed thief had become quiet from exhaus-
tion." The narrator paused a moment as
he skillfully raised a cordon of muscles and
separated them one by one from the liga-
ments.

"And what then?" asked an anxious lis-
tener.

"What then?" Why, the boys thought
that was enough of one kind of fun, so they
took him, naked as he was, and doused him
in the pickle tub. Then, after directing
him to attire himself in his shirt, they led
him down to the back street and let him
loose. What became of him is a mystery.

—[Philadelphia Times.

Nine-tenths of Mexico consists of a
vast plain elevated from 6,000 to 8,000 feet
above the sea level, enclosed on the East
and on the West by lofty ranges of moun-
tains. The soil of most of this immense
plateau would be fertile, no doubt, if there
was an abundance of water, but scarcity of
water is its most impressive feature. The
mountains on either side arrest and exclude
the natural moisture from the two oceans.
The streams are few and small, and except
during a brief rainy season of two months
in summer, agriculture is only possible
through the aid of artificial irrigation. The
amount of water available for this pur-
pose is exceedingly limited, much in-
ferior, indeed to the supply employed for
the same purpose in Colorado and New
Mexico. Thus during the dry season a
very large portion of the Mexican plateau
has the appearance of a desert. From El
Paso to the Rio Grande on the North down
to Zacatecas, a distance of 750 miles, the
whole land at this time of the year is wa-
terless, verdureless, an expanse mainly com-
posed of sand and dry dust, relieved only
by a scattered growth of cactus and mes-
quite bushes. The mountains stand grim
and bare in the attenuated atmosphere,
without a tree and almost without a shrub
upon their broad and tawny sides. Here
and there, at great distances, the course
of a stream may draw a ribbon of greenness
across the arid landscape, or a hacienda,
with its group of farm buildings enclosed in
a massive stone wall like a fortress, suggest
the fact of human habitation; or a herd of
cattle or a flock of sheep may diversify
the scene, but the prevailing effect is that
of a fruitless waste.

"I beg your pardon."

A civil word is the cheapest thing in the
world and yet it is a thing which the young
and happy rarely give to their inferiors.
See the effect of civility on a rough little
street boy! The other evening a young lady
shrilly turned the corner and ran against
a boy who was small and ragged and
freckled. Stopping as soon as she could,
she turned to him and said, "I beg your
pardon, indeed, I am very sorry." The
small, ragged, freckled boy looked up
in blank amazement for an instant, then
taking off about three-fourths of a cent,
he bowed very low, smiled until his face be-
came lost in the smile and answered, "You
can hev my pardon and welcome, miss, and
yer may run agin me and knock me clean
down, and I won't say a word." After the
young lady passed on he turned to a com-
rade and said, half apologetically, "I never
had any one to ask me my parding, and it
kind of took me off my feet."

The whole art of whistling.—

The performances of the locomotive
whistle, we are told, have been systemat-
ized on a Western railroad. Seven whis-
tles, are to indicate "down brakes;" thirty-
two whistles, "up brakes;" forty-two whis-
tles and two snorts, a "back-up." The in-
structions add: "In case of doubt, whistle
like the d—l!" at street crossings, "whistle
considerably." Again: "Always whistle
before dinner. Require the fireman to
keep the whistle-valve open during dinner.
After dinner, whistle and squirt water,
then back up. Then go ahead with a whistle,
squirt and a ring."—[Rehoboth Sunday
Herald.

A western zephyr carried a cow a quar-
ter of a mile through the air, and set her
down in a milkman's yard. He was so
scared that he stopped grinding chalk, and
ran four miles for a rifle to shoot the
curious-looking creature with.

The Luxury of Rapid Transit in New
York.

The City of New York is provided with
thirty-three miles of double railway tracks,
built on iron posts—iron bridges, in fact—
which occupy some of the finest streets and
avenues. On these tracks the steam pas-
senger trains roar and whiz along at inter-
vals of a minute in each direction; the
smoke and cinders are poured into the
windows of the adjacent dwellings, in many
cases only two feet from the railway; awn-
ings are set on fire by sparks; passengers
and workmen are frequently knocked off
from the station platforms, and fall twenty
feet to the pavement, to be picked up dead;
tools, hot water, fire, and lumps of coal
drop upon the heads of luckless pedestri-
ans or car men below; and, finally, light
iron shavings, cut from the wheels of the
cars by the brakes, float down through the
air and lodge in the eyes of the passers by.
These are a few of the nuisances which
New Yorkers endure for the sake of enjoy-
ing the luxury of rapid transit.

One of the car drivers on Sixth Avenue
horre car line, the track running directly un-
der the steam railway, recovered in court
not long ago \$3,000 damages for injury to
eyes from a burning coal that fell upon
him. The iron shavings trouble is quite
serious. When the brakes are put on the
pressure on the shoes, as they call the
iron that is thrown against and checks the
wheels, is very great, because they have to
make such short and quick stops. These
tears off minute particles of iron, so small
that the eye cannot perceive them, yet
they are jagged and produce irritation.

Some of the city oculists have special
microscopes made to detect them, so fre-
quent are the complaints, and these instru-
ments require very powerful lenses and
strong lights to detect them. Car drivers
on the Third and Sixth Avenue roads are
large sufferers from this trouble, so the
professors at the Eye and Ear Hospital re-
port.

—[Solving the Difficulty.—"Will you
give me 10 cents for a drink?" asked a
tramp.

"Your frankness is so refreshing," re-
plied the gentleman, "that I would be glad
to accommodate you, but, unfortunately, I
have nothing less than a quarter."

"I'm, that is rather embarrassing. You
wouldn't care to give me the quarter, I
suppose?"

"Hardly. In fact, I have only a quar-
ter in my pocket, and I shall probably
want a drink myself before dinner."

"I see," replied the tramp; "the situa-
tion is decidedly complicated. Allow me
to think for a moment. Ah, I have it!
Just give me the quarter, and we will take
a little nip together at my expense."—
[Philadelphia Call.

A DISTINCTION WITH A DIFFERENCE.—

"Do you drink anything, Miggs?" asked a
merchant of his book-keeper.

"No sir," came the prompt answer.

The merchant relapsed into silence, but
presently spoke again:

"I'm sorry to doubt your word, Miggs,
but I'll swear I saw you drunk yesterday."

"I have no doubt but what you did, sir."

"But didn't you say just now that you
did not drink anything?"

"I did, sir."

"Then how came you drunk?"

"You will observe," answered the book-
keeper, "that you asked me if I drank any-
thing; to that question I answer emphatic-
ally, no; for if I drank anything I would
soon be poisoned; I am quite choice with
my drinks and kill nothing but pure rye
whisky."—[Atlanta Constitution.

FARM LABORERS' WAGES.—From a re-
cent report by the Statistician of the Na-
tional Agricultural Department, it appears
that the wages of the farm laborer, includ-
ing board, now range from \$13.66 per
month in the States where agriculture occu-
pies seventy-seven per cent. of the laboring
population, to \$24.14 per month in the
States where only eighteen per cent. of all
laborers are engaged in agricultural pur-
suits. The average for the whole United
States is \$18.38 per month, an increase of
nearly forty per cent.

How to Run a Society Column.—Our
daughter, Lucia Bert, is visiting her aunt,
Mrs. J. B. Brush.

Our wife acknowledges calls from Ladies
Lesch, Ocheltree, Cornish and others.

From a letter we learn that our mother,
at Stewart, Ia., has been quite sick.—[Bay-
ard (Iowa) News.

"De Shanghai chicken 'minds me ob
certain men dat I's seed. He crows mighty
loud, an' brags aroun' 'mong de hens an'
young chickens; but when a game rooster
comes roun', he's got business on de upper
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er people. For sale by McRoberts & Stage.

OUR PATTERN.

A waiter sat one day at his boss,
Among the colors bright;
With the pattern for his copying
Hung fair and plain in sight.

But the waiter's thoughts were wandering
Away on a distant track,
As he threw the shuttle in his hand,
Wearily forward and back.

And he turned his dim eyes to the ground,
And tears fell on his face;
For his thoughts, alas! were not on his home
Nor the wife beneath the roof.

When her voice recalled him suddenly
To his self, when she softly said:
"Ah, was it me for your work is spoiled,
And what shall we do for bread?"

And then the waiter looked, and saw
That his work must be undone;
For the threads were wrong and the colors
dimmed.

Where his bitter tears had run,
"Alas, alas!" said the waiter,
"And this had been all right,
If I hadn't looked at my work, but kept
The pattern in my sight."

And it was for the waiter,
And sad for his luckless wife;
And sad it will be for us, if we say,
At the close of a weary life.

"The colors that we had to weave,
Were bright in our early years,
But we wore the tissues wrong, and stained
The wool with bitter tears."

"We wore a web of doubt and fear—
Not faith and hope and love—
Because we looked at our work, and not
At our pattern from above."

—ALICE CARR.

"I" and "J."—

At the time when "J." appeared in
the alphabet, and it was used interchange-
ably with the "I," there was sufficient ex-
cuse for writing these capitals alike. Now,
however, there is no such reason for so do-
ing. It would be a desirable rule, in
printing offices, when setting type, that
when the letter appears in copy written en-
tirely above the line it should be invari-
ably taken as an "I," and where it drops
below the line it should be recognized as a
"J." This rule will also be found to hold
good with printers when ordering sorts of
these characters from the type-founder.

There is some talk of another race be-
tween the Louisville and Nashville and the
Cincinnati Southern to finally decide which
road can make the distance between Cin-
cinnati and New Orleans quickest. The
mail contract will be the occasion of the
race. The Cincinnati Southern people be-
lieve they can make the run in 19 hours,
which will bring the time down to 50 miles
an hour.

A white squall caught a party of tourists
moving across a lake in Scotland and threat-
ened to capsize the boat. When it seemed
that the crisis was really come the largest
and physically strongest of the party, in a
state of intense fear, said: "Let us pray."
"No, no, my man," shouted the bluff boat-
man, "let that little man pray; you take an
oar."

In one of the Philippine islands it is
customary, when a young fellow asks the
old folks for their daughter, to send her
into the woods at sunrise, and if the lover
finds her before sunset she is his. If not,
he forfeits all claim. The girl is given one
hour the start. This gives her a fair
chance, and she can use her own judgment
about hiding after she gets in the woods.

WHITEWASH.—The following is a good
way to mix whitewash so it will not rub
off: Mix up half pailful of lime and wa-
ter, ready to put on the wall; then take one-
quarter pint of oil, mix it up with water,
sufficient quantity to thicken it; pour it
while hot into the whitewash, stir altogether
and it is ready for use.

Lady Montague says: "It goes far to-
ward reconciling me to being a woman when
I reflect that I am in no danger of marry-
ing one." Now that is singular. The very
thing which she feared is just what recon-
ciles the rest of us to being men.—[Bar-
lington Hawkeye.

There are 600,000 habitual drunkards
in the United States. If the political cam-
paign of the present year should not come
up to expectations, it will be because the
whisky has all been watered.—[Times.

An umbrella carried over a woman, the
man getting nothing but the drippings of
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